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SUBJECT: FMG REQUISITION OF EMBASSY ANNEX

REF: LAGOS 7111 AND PREVIOUS

BRUSSELS FOR FAA

FOR CHARGE FROM EASUM

1. YOUR INFORMATIVE TELEGRAM MUCH APPRECIATED. YOU HAVE PRESENTED ONLY POSSIBLE BARGAINING STANCE CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS AND EASUM-IYALLA AGREEMENT. WE SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT WE ARE NOW VERY CLOSE TO POINT WHERE OUR CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF MOVE, WHICH MEA INSISTS IS NECESSARY GOOD FAITH RESPONSE ON OUR PART, WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKEN OUR BARGAINING POSITION.

2. NONETHELESS, WE BELIEVE WE ARE NOT WITHOUT SOME
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LEVERAGE. CONTINUING PRESENCE OF OUR CONSULAR AND USIS

OFFICES AFTER DEPARTURE OF AID FROM MOLONEY GIVES US BARGAINING POWER SINCE FMG MORE EMBARRASSED THAN WE WOULD BE BY COHABITATION. WE WOULD STILL NOT YET HAVE PHYSICALLY OCCUPIED ANY OF THE OKOTIE-EBOH SPACE. THUS FMG WOULD STILL HARBOR DOUBT THAT WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT SEEK A DIFFERENT SOLUTION, PERHAPS ALONG LINES PIPER SUGGESTED TO MGBOKWERE, THUS INCURRING FURTHER DELAY IN COMPLETING

OUR EVACUATION.

3. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE FOLLOWING TACTICS. CONTACT MEA IMMEDIATELY. TELL THEM YOU HAVE SOUGHT GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT AND FROM ME. YOU FOUND THAT DEPARTMENT SHARES MY CONCERN THAT SCENARIO ENVISAGED BY IYALLA AND ME APPEARS DELAYED BY VIRTURE OF FLIMSY RESPONSE FROM FMG. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT DEPARTMENT GRATEFUL FOR MEA FACILITATION OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES AND PLEASED TO NOTE MEA REITERATION OF WILLINGNESS CONTINUE TO TRY OBTAIN FMG AGREEMENT FOR OPEN-ENDED RENT-FREE OCCUPANCY. I HAVE TOLD YOU, HOWEVER, THAT I HAVE BEEN EMBARRASSED BY FMG DELAY IN FACE OF QUICK FORTHCOMING RESPONSE THAT DEPARTMENT GAVE ME.

4. TELL MEA THAT, DESPITE DEPARTMENT CONCERN AND DISAPPOINTMENT ALONG THESE LINES, I HAVE OBTAINED AGREEMENT AUTHORIZE YOU PROCEED NOW WITH EVACUATION OF AID PERSONNEL FROM MOLONEY STREET. (FYI: WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE TACTICALLY ADVISABLE THAT NOT ALL RPT NOT ALL AID SPACE BE EMPTIED BY TIME OF IYALLA'S RETURN. MOVE WOULD THUS BE CLEARLY SUBSTANTIAL BUT COMPLETION OF AID EVACUATION AND INITIATION OF OTHER MOVES WOULD HINGE ON NATURE IYALLA'S RESPONSE. END FYI) WE WOULD EXPECT SIMILARLY SUBSTANTIAL AND FORTHCOMING RESPONSE FROM IYALLA UPON HIS RETURN FROM KAMPALA. IN ADDITION, IYALLA SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT I AM GIVING MY CLOSEST PERSONAL ATTENTION TO A PROMPT AND SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE. INGERSOLL

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